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05/08/2013 Minutes

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 5/8/13, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, Jean Clark, Paul Kent, Jeff Maxtutis, Corey Rateau, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Howard Muise, Scott Smith

Members of the Public Present: None

- Public Comments. None.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 4/10/13 were approved unanimously.
 - Administrative handouts were reviewed.
- Town reports.
 - Laura reported that Town Meeting voted to approve \$30,000 for a parking study as part of the Capital Plan. There are 3 Master Plan public meetings planned for June 1, 4, and 5.
 - Wayne Chouinard submitted a written report. He reported that he is working on a plan to incorporate bike lanes, report to ABAC and TAC when a plan is ready. The plan will include most of Mass. Ave. west of Jason Street.
 - Corey reported that Town received a bike and pedestrian grant of \$5000 for education and enforcement. At a recent Safe Routes meeting, 470 students attended.
- Mass. Ave. Corridor Project. 100% design plans have been submitted. Town is working on easement process.
- CLAMP. Recent public hearing was well attended. Many requested that the parking be removed in front of Cambridge Savings Bank to allow more room for bike and traffic lanes. Town will meet with Chamber of Commerce and Cambridge Savings Bank to discuss.
- Jason St. cut through. The WG has plotted out routes and counters are down. Will have more information by next meeting.
- Mass/Jason/Mill. Will be going to Selectmen for their vote on the plan, as described in the memo that went to ARB in March.
- Mill Street Flashing Beacon. Scott drafted an article for publication that describes the changes at this intersection with the bike path. Corey noted that his grant could be used to help publicize this change and for enforcement.
- Nominating Committee. Jeff is stepping down as Co-Chair to become Co-Vice Chair with Ed. Rich has agreed to become a Co-Chair. Laura will remain Secretary. John Lentz has resigned.
- New Associates. There were 5 responses to our request for new associates. Selectmen's office will set up interviews. The 5 applicants are: Len Kardon, Cheryl Miller, Andrew Bunell, Marjorie Moores, George McGinnity.
- Medford Street bus stop and parking. There appears to be no good solution, and no agreement among the parties about

moving the bus stop, and possibly replacing a taxi stand with a handicapped space. Laura will check with Adam Chapdelaine, who was going to talk with Selectmen about removing the taxi stand. Ed suggested that we could vote no action and return it to Selectmen.

- Lake Street. No action since last month.
- North Union/Everett. No action since last month.
- Gray Street crosswalks. Elisabeth submitted a preliminary proposal. Mt. Vernon crossing appears to meet criteria. Visibility is better at Valley than Churchill. Waiting for more crossing counts.
- Bates Road. Corey reported results of speed data. 6.5% drive over the speed limit, which is 30 mph. 95% are under 35 mph. 15 cars per day go over 40 mph. This is the third set of counts, which have all been consistent.
- School Issues. Elisabeth reported on crossing flags. There are now 7 locations, all working out well. We are running out of flags. Corey may be able to use his grant again.
- Sidewalks around schools. Laura distributed aerials of schools.
- Crosswalk Working Group. Working Group will meet to create a list for Wayne of crosswalks in Town needing renewal. Corey will work with group.
- Russell Place. This is an access way with a speed bump. Don't see an issue with excess traffic or speeding. Motion of no action on this request. Voted unanimously. Elisabeth will write a report for Selectmen.
- Lowell Street traffic calming. Elisabeth reported that the 85% speed is 39 mph on this road. Corey noted that there is increased enforcement in summer because of Res. There is no room for a bike lane where medians are planned. Corey will look for crash data. Medians will slow down traffic. Working Group will need to meet again.
- Town Day. Motion to approve \$25 for Town Day permit. Voted unanimously.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for April: Agenda, 5/8/13; Minutes of 4/10/13; Working Group List, 5/8/13; BoS/ARB Request Status, 5/8/13, Individual Action List from 4/10/13; BoS/ARB Request Status, 5/8/13; Article for Advocate, Scott Smith, 5/1/13;
- Gray Street Crosswalk Update, May 8, 2013
- Lowell Street Traffic Calming
- Arlington Police Department Speed Enforcement Evaluator, Location: 57 Bates Road and 37 Bates Road.
- Power Point regarding flashing beacon on Mill Street